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SUBJECT : ANGOLAN RECOGNITION: BAHRAIN

REFERENCE : STATE 265503

1. WITH FOREIGN MINISTER NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, I RAISED THE ANGOLA ISSUE WITH THE AMIR MORNING NOVEMBER 9 DURING SOCIAL CALL, OUTLINING U.S. POSITION ALONG LINES REFTEL. HE SEEMED SYMPATHETIC TO USG POSITION BUT OBVIOUSLY HAD NOT FOCUSED ON ANGOLA QUESTION. HE GAVE NO INDICATION BAHRAIN LIKELY TO TAKE ANY PRECIPITATE ACTION TOWARD RECOGNITION MPLA REGIME.

2. ON NOVEMBER 10 EMBOFF MET WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MAHMOOD BAHLOOL. BAHLOOL LISTENED CAREFULLY TO USG INTERPRETATION, SAID THAT IT SOUNDED "VERY REASONABLE", ALTHOUGH HE SAID HE HAD IN THE BACK OF HIS MIND SOME MEMORY OF AN ALGIERS RESOLUTION WHICH BACKED THE MPLA. AT ANY RATE, HE NOTED THAT BAHRAIN, BEING SMALL AND "INSIGNIFICANT" ON THE WORLD SCENE, WOULD TAKE NO ACTION
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RE RECOGNITION IN NEAR FUTURE. HE SAID THAT BAHRAIN "POLICY"

WAS TO ACT AFTER EVERYONE ELSE; THERE WOULD BE NO REASON TO BE
IN THE FOREFRONT ON THIS ISSUE.

3. BAHLOOL WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE OAU POSITION
AND ITS RECENT ACTIONS/DECISIONS RE ANGOLA. IT WAS ON THE
BAHRAIN NEWS EVENING NOVEMBER 9 THAT THE OAU HAD DECIDED
TO SEND A PEACEKEEPING FORCE TO ANGOLA. HE ASKED IF HE COULD BE
SUPPLIED WITH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT OAU POSITION.
EMBOFF ASSURED HIM HE WOULD FORWARD WHATEVER WAS RECEIVED
FROM THE DEPARTMENT IN THAT REGARD.
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